		Year 1999	Year 2000 (upto 15.7.2000)
5.	Population affected (nos.)	30,000	23,000
6.	Damage to public utilities (Rs. in lakh)	3.50	Not available
7.	Area croded (ha.)	10,000	Not available

To tackle the flood and erosion problem in Majuli Island, Brahmaputra, Board has carried out field survey in the severely affected reaches of Majuli in January-February, 2000 for the purpose of preparation of detailed project report for anti erosion measures in Majuli Iseland. State Government of Assam has also undertaken 3 nos. anti erosion schemes under short term measures at an estimated cost of Rs.6.83 crore in Majuli Island with Central Assistance.

In addition to these schemes, Ministry of Water Resources has formulated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme titled "Flood Control Schemes in Brahmaputra Barak Basin in North Eastern States" amounting to Rs. 50 crore during the remaining two years of IX Plan period in which short term anti erosion schemes in Majuli are also considered.

(c) The survey and investigation works to prepare a detailed project report for protection of Majuli Island from and erosion by rivers Brahmaputra and Subansiri has been completed and the detailed project report has been submitted by Brahmaputra Board to Central Water Commission for investment clearance by Planning Commission.

Removal of encroachments of the banks of ponds and check dams

†3246. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ponds and check dams in the country at present;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the number of those out of above which are in good condition and of those which are in a deplorable condition; and

(c) what action is being taken by Government to desilt and to remove encroachment on the banks of those ponds/dams which are in a deplorable condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BOJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) As per the latest data available in the Report on Census of Minor Irrigation Schemes, there are about 0.51 million tanks/ponds in the country, of which about 60 thousand have gone out of use due to various reasons.

(c) Minor Irrigation Schemes are planned, executed and maintained by the respective State Governments as per their priority and out of their own resources.

Utilisation of Godavari water

3247. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared the Godavri water utilisation projects and the neighbouring States accepted the proposal; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to speed up the process of starting the work on the Godavari projects for utilisation of its water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Four medium irrigation projects envisaging utilization of Godavari Water (*viz.* Palemvagu, Yerravagu, Suddavagu, Peddavagu) have been accepted by the Technical Advisory Committee with certain observations. Clearance of the other major and medium projects depends on resolution of inter-State issues where ever involved and compliance of observations of various central appraising agencies by the State Government. Being a state subject, irrigation projects are executed by the state governments themselve as per their own priority and out of their resources.